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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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NOTES.

File No. 4420.

FILE HEADING.

Petitions from Bangalore &c.

From

Syed Khazim and other Mahomedan residents of Nagadi

No. Dated 16-3-21 Received 17-3-21

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Request that the Hindu weavers of Nagadi may be prohibited from wearing the disguises of tiger, "gindi &c. during the ensuing Rama festivals.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Called for orders. The petitioners state that the wearing of such masks as the tiger is distinctly offensive to their religious susceptibilities.

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4) Subd for perusal, if approd, no report will be called for from the D. M.

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3rd Member 3) Yes, this is interim but not decision in licence enhancing to Mamool.

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5) Draft ruled.

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6) It is seen from para 3 of the Petn that the Amildar seems to hold that the parading of the streets by the Hindus in the disguise in question is in accordance with Mamool. The instructions to the Amildar intended to be communicated in the draft do not therefore seem to be sufficiently specific

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7) The file should come up to-morrow. Mamlatdar issues D.P.C. to-day

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8	To The District Magistrate, Bangalore No. G. 17976 dt 22-3-21. Forwards the petition and calling for a report thereon and directs that the Amildar may be instructed not to issue a license to the Hindus contrary to mamool.
9	From The Dy Commr Magistrate Bangalore Letter no T.C. 1583 dt 5-4-1921 States that the Amildar gave a license to exhibit Kama alone to one Siddappa of Magadi and that no licenses were granted to wear masks. Submitted for orders. References is marked copies (6) above 12/5/21 13/5 Dy Secy for Secretary D. M. 21/5 2nd Member 3/6 D. M. 3/6

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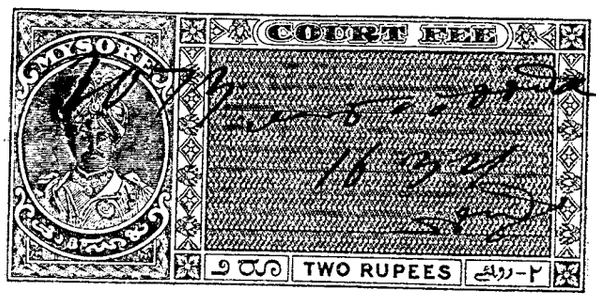

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BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT OF H.H.THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Miscellaneous Petition No. of 20-21.

1. Syed Khasim ~~& 17 others.~~ .. (Appellants) Petitioners.
2. Syed Peer Saheb 3. Syed Ismail 4. Abdul Rasul
5. Abdul Rahman residents of Magadi

Badage Siddappa and others. .. (Respondents) Opponents.

The petitioners abovenamed humbly beg to submit as follows:-

1. The petitioners are residents of Magadi, Bangalore District, and belong to the Mahomedan faith.

2. On the 25th of February 1920, some of the Hindu Weavers of Magadi applied to the Amildar of the Taluq for the grant of a license for the celebration of the "Kama" festival with various disguises representing the tiger, "girol", "Gopi" and others. The Amildar held a preliminary enquiry, ~~during~~ in the course of which the Petitioners on behalf of the Mahomedan Community, represented to the Amildar that such disguises &c., offended the religious susceptibilities of the Mahomedans, according to whose scriptures the tiger is a sacred animal as being specially ridden by Moulali the son-in-law of the Prophet, and therefore prayed

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prayed that the said license should not be granted. In spite of this the Amildar passed a final order - dated 12-4-1920 practically conceding all the demands of the Hindus. Against this order the petitioners preferred an appeal to the District Magistrate, Bangalore, who without allowing the petitioners time for the production of evidence, ~~similarly~~ summarily dismissed the Appeal on 22-1-1921.

3. The petitioners submit that there is absolutely no foundation for the conclusion of the - Amildar that a "mamool" or custom has existed whereby the Hindus could parade the streets in the said - disguises. On the other hand, it is clearly established that no such observances were in vogue previous to 1913-1914 when the relations between the two communitities were harmonious and cordial. Subsequently to 1913-14 the feelings between the Mahomedans and the Hindus Weavers became strained and it is then that the Hindu Weavers, with a view to offend - and insult the Mahomedans started ~~on~~ this new innovation of putting on these disguises during every one of these years, viz., 1913-1920, the Mahomedans far from acquiescing in the conduct of the Hindu Weavers as the Amildar holds have been challenging the right of the latter to wear the said disguises and the - criminal complaints filed by the parties clearly - establish that there was neither a "mamool" nor long-standing custom nor acquiescence.

4. It is only a small portion of the Hindu - community

community that are aggressive by claiming the right of these new observances while the large majority of the Hindu community, Brahmins, Vaisyas and Sivachars are content to observe the festival without these - disguises as has been the case from time immemorial. So it is apparent that the above disguises are not an essential part of the observance of the "Kama" festival by the whole Hindu community but one which is - deliberately and maliciously resorted to by one particular section of the Hindu Weavers. Neither are the above disguises usually put on in other towns in the - State.

5. The wearing of the disguises of tiger "girol" &c., are clearly and unmistakably offensive to the - Mahomedans according to the precepts of whose religion the tiger is sacred as it is the animal on which Moulali the son-in-law of the Prophet rode in the deserts of - Arabia. By thus parodying the use of this sacred animal, the Hindu Weavers not only deliberately offend and wound the Mahomedan religious susceptibilities but also are intent on provoking them to a breach of the peace. As the above new observances on the part of the Hindu - Weavers have neither the sanction of custom as has been pointed above, nor is it conducive to the maintenance - of peace and public tranquility, the petitioners humbly submit that in the interests of public peace it is necessary that the Government should prohibit the Hindu - Weavers from wearing these disguises, to which they have failed to establish any right and which they never had before and have nowhere else in the State. The petitioners submit that the religious tenets of the Maho-

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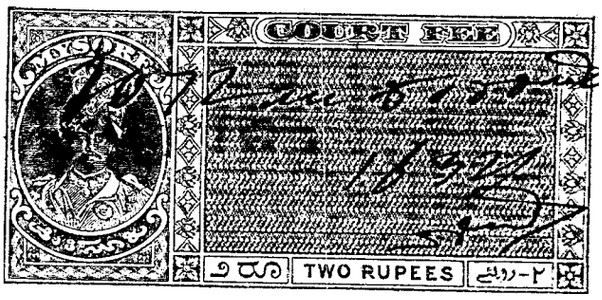
Mahomedan faith are grossly violated by the above action of the Hindu Weavers and they respectfully look to the Government to safe-guard the just integrity of their religion and to protect it from such sacrelege.

6. The petitioners submit that during the time of the "Kama" festival, the Hindu Weavers indulge in many kinds of low obscenities which when they are coupled with the above disguises are both directly and indirectly offensive to the dignity and religion of the Mahomedans.

7. Therefore, for the above reasons, the petitioners humbly pray that the Government may be pleased to pass an order prohibiting the hindu Weavers of Magadi from wearing the disguises of tiger, "girol" &c., during the coming Kama Festival and communicate the same to the Hindu Weavers through the local Police authorities.

BANGALORE,
16th March 1921.



Before
~~In the Court of~~ the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

His CASE NO. OF 192 .—192

~~Appellant Plaintiff.~~		*Respondent Defendant.*
Petitioners Syed Khasim and others	Vs.	Basaya Siddappa

I, We the Petitioners above named do, by these presents, retain ~~Mr. K.~~ SHANKARA NARAYANA RAU, M.A., B.L., *Advocate*, and Mr. B. SHANKARA RAO, B.A., LL.B., to appear and conduct the above case on our behalf to judgment.

2. We further empower them to do all necessary acts in the above case, to execute any decree or order that may be passed in our behalf and to receive from the Court all documents, refunds, and all sums of money that we may be entitled to get and grant receipts therefor.

3. We also undertake to confirm and ratify all the acts done by the said Advocates or by any other Advocate on their behalf in so doing.

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Accepted.

Shankara Rao
Advocates.

Personally known to me and signed in my presence.

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Signed by M Rm

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To The D.C. Magte
Bangalore

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for favour of report, a petition from some of the Mahomedan residents of Nagadi protesting against the wearing of such masks as the tigers etc by the Hindu residents

over.

during the ensuing Kama festival and to request you to kindly instruct the Amildar of the Taluk in the meantime not to issue a license to the Hindu pecanuers Contrary to manool.

Thanks &c

2. The petition may be kindly returned with the report.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner and
District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

No. J.C. 1583 / am. 2

Dated BANGALORE, 5th A p r i l 1921.

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From

M. A. Narayanayangar, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

To

B. Ramaswamaiya, Esquire, B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.G.179-76/Cts.44-20-8 dated 22nd March 1921 forwarding for report a petition from some of the Mahommedan residents of Magadi protesting against the wearing of masks as the tiger etc. by the Hindus during the Kama festival and requesting me to instruct the Amildar of the Taluk not to issue a license to the Hindu weavers contrary to mamool, I have the honour to state that copies of the above communication were forwarded to the Amildar Magistrate of the Magadi Taluk in this office J.C.No.1583 dated 22nd March 1921 with a direction that he need not issue any license till further orders in this matter.

2. The Amildar Magistrate in his Ittilla No. ~~151~~ 282 under date 29th March 1921 reports that one Siddappa of Magadi had applied for a license to exhibit Kama and to ~~xxx~~ wear masks. He was given license only to exhibit Kama (ಕಾಮನ ಸಂಕ್ರಮಣದ ದಿವಸ ಮಾತ್ರ ಮುಖವಾಡಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅನುಮತಿ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು) and by the time he was about to issue a license to Hindus to ~~xxx~~ wear

masks he received this office order referred to above and declined to issue a license and has granted the petitioners an endorsement.

3. The petition received with your letter under reply is herewith retransmitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M A Narayanaswamy Rao

District Magistrate,

Bangalore District.